



MIDWAY FIRE RESCUE DIVISION OF FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY PRESS RELEASE

SAFETY TIPS FOR LOSS OF POWER

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SEPTEMBER 4, 2019 - FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – Pawleys Island, SC - With the threat of Hurricane Dorian impacting our area, Midway Fire Rescue offers several reminders and fire and life safety tips to keep you and your family safe in the event of a power loss.

1. In the event of a power failure, cut off all stove burners, and unplug all appliances which could produce heat (curling iron, hair dryer, coffee pot, toaster oven, crock pot)
2. Ensure all your home smoke alarms have fresh batteries, and are working properly
3. Avoid using candles during a power outage, and instead utilize “flame-free” options for lighting (flashlights, battery-operated lanterns, and battery-operated candles)
4. Ensure every member of the family has their own flashlight with fresh batteries. Keep a stock of spare batteries in your home for a long-term event
5. If you utilize a portable generator, please take note of the following tips:
 - a. Locate the portable generator at least 20 feet from any structure
 - b. Never operate a portable generator in your home, garage, or attached porch
 - c. Cut off and cool off your portable generator before refueling
 - d. Always have a fire extinguisher available, in close proximity to the generator
 - e. Follow all manufacturer’s instructions concerning power cords
6. Never utilize a charcoal or gas grill inside of a home, garage, porch, or enclosed structure. Grills SHOULD ONLY be utilized in an outside area, away from the home
7. For additional storm-related information, please visit:
http://www.georgetowncountysc.org/Emergency_Management/
8. Additional fire and life safety information can be located on the Midway Fire Rescue website at: <https://www.midwayfirerescue.org>

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